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DECATUR - TEXAS

BOND IS ALLOWED SPENCER'S SLAYER

Judge Delivers Talk Giving His Reasons for Granting Bail to Bolger Tuesday

Roxie West and Tom Clark, two young men who were arrested at the depot on Wednesday morning of last week on a charge of robbing the pipe line crew near Rhome, were granted bond of \$2,000 each in justice court last Tuesday.

The men had not made bond yesterday.

Several witnesses from the pipe line camp testified that the men robbed several of the workers. From the testimony it was developed that seven or eight men were congregated in one tent at the camp, when two men entered the tent, one at the front and one from the back, and that both men had handkerchiefs over their faces as masks. The smaller of the two, it was alleged, entered the tent and ordered, "hands up," and proceeded to relieve the inmates of the tent of their money. Two of the pipe line men were slugged by one of the robbers as the robbing proceeded. After securing all the available money, the robbers are said to have backed out of the tent while holding their guns on the victims. Sheriff Malone testified to arresting the two men at the Decatur station Wednesday morning, identifying them by the description given him at the camp. He stated that the men did not seem surprised at the arrest, and did not question as to the cause of their being detained. Each man had a big gun on his person when arrested, and both wore muddy shoes and trousers.

The accused men did not offer any testimony in defense.

Six cases were filed against each of the two.

W. M. Bolger, charged with the murder of Hugh D. Spencer on Saturday, January 18 in Decatur, in a habeas corpus trial before Judge F. O. McKinsey Wednesday, was granted bail in the sum of \$7,500. In granting the bond Judge McKinsey delivered a lengthy opinion, stating among other things, that he felt confident should he deny Bolger bail it would be secured upon appeal to the court of criminal appeals; that in his opinion, in view of the evidence submitted, Bolger was entitled to bond. The judge stated that it was true a terrible mistake had been made by Bolger; that Spencer was innocent of the charge entertained by the accused, yet, the fact that Bolger thought an insult had been directed to his wife made it true to him, and in view of the fact that he had never seen Spencer, and could not possibly have any other motive in seeking him, made the case bailable. The amount, \$7,500, was excessive thought Attorney McNamara of Waco, who conducted the defense, and in the opinion of Attorney McMurray leading council for the state, the amount was not sufficient, but the judge held that the bond would be placed at that amount. It is understood that Attorney McNamara will have the bond made in Waco.

On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Rev. Harlan J. Matthews, John R. Pridemore and Miss Elizabeth Chapman, both of the Sweetwater community, were married, Rev. Matthews officiating. Mr. Pridemore is an industrious farmer of that section and Miss Chapman is one of the most charming young ladies of the Decatur community. Messenger extends congratulations.

J. F. Young and Miss Effie Brown of the Anneville community, were married at the home of Rev. H. J. Matthews on last Wednesday evening at seven o'clock, Rev. Matthews officiating.

Alf Brown and John Rector closed a deal yesterday for Decatur citizens for a ten-acre lease in the Bridgeport field. These gentlemen have closed a number of leases in that promising field.

BRIDGEPORT FIELD REPORTS OIL FIND

Light Sand Hit at Five Hundred Feet and Stock Takes A Jump--Hoyl Looks Good

Quite a ripple of excitement was caused this week when it became known that oil had been struck in the well now being drilled in the Bridgeport country. Reports varied from one to 75 barrels, but it was later learned that the oil was not found in paying quantities. The driller on last Saturday ran into a small strata of oil at a depth of between 600 and 700 feet. The striking of even a little oil in this well is taken as a splendid indication that the fluid will be found in paying quantities when the hole is sunk to a greater depth. The discovery has made the Bridgeport stock take a boost, and leases in the western end of the county are jumping every day.

Several Decatur people are already interested in leases near the test well, while others have leased blocks of land from one to three miles away.

It is said the Bridgeport company has recently been making some handsome sales of leases near the well at from \$190 to \$250 per acre, and some expect the company to pay a good sized dividend even before pay oil is found in the well.

The latest report from the Hoyl well is that it is down about 1650 feet, with every indication of finding a good flow of oil in a short time. Wednesday the drillers hit the rock that is encountered just before the oil strata is struck, and only four feet has been drilled since the rock was hit. The cuttings from the well were exhibited at the Hearn hotel. Experienced oil men said there was every reason to believe the well was nearing the sand. Progress has been very slow since the drill hit the hard rock, and it may be several days before the rock is penetrated. The Eagle well, another Decatur venture, is progressing nicely, and is down about 1,600 feet.

Stock in these companies have been selling below par here in the town where they were organized; in other sections the stocks advanced. Some of the very fellows who boosted and boomed the stocks while they were selling them to the citizens of Decatur and Wise county, have been the first to put aloft disquieting reports concerning the wells. These salesmen, it seems, after getting their commissions from the sales of Hoyl and Eagle, sought and secured jobs selling stock in other companies, and the happy idea struck them that by knocking the stuff they had sold and boosting the stuff they were selling, trade would pick up. The "unsuspecting" public is getting wise as the game progresses, and the salesmen of this ilk are getting in bad. Others have been given the cold feet by the knockers, and much stock has changed hands at below par. Very few have any good words for either company, yet, there is no cause. On the contrary, every indication points to good wells. In the language of E. H. Baumgaertner, "If Hoyl and Eagle were good buys before the drills were started, why are they not good buys when the drills are nearing what oil men say is the pay sand?" Mr. Bum. has taken in and comforted a few of the cold-footed ones by buying their stock.

Eagle and Hoyl stocks today should be selling at a good advance, and they would had their former friends stood loyal. Of course, here and there you will find a fellow who has encouraging words for the Eagle and Hoyl, but in the "city full friends" have few.

In Messenger's opinion, based upon reports coming from the Burkburnett field, Eagle and Hoyl will be good wells. The best producer in the whole field of Burkburnett has come in northwest of the Eagle and Hoyl, less than three-quarters of a mile, and the Sun Co., a few hundred feet northeast of these wells, brought in a good one some time ago.



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MERIDIAN GARAGE

Decatur College defeated Terrell school at Dallas Wednesday night, 19 to 17. Blankenship suffered a dislocated shoulder and Guinn Williams was put out of the game on personal fouls during the early stages of play, yet Decatur held Terrell 17 to 7 until the last few minutes of the game. Terrell didn't want to count the last goal made by Fullingim just before the whistle blew to end the game, claiming that time was out before the goal was made.

Jim Hornback was in town yesterday displaying two German officers' helmets and a canteen, which had been sent him by his son, Edward, who is now with the army of occupation in Germany. The helmets were of the finest material and handsomely made up. One had a dent in the back, evidence of the true marksmanship of some rank.

Ray Harper has recovered from a serious illness of influenza-pneumonia.

Misses Orleana Gose and Lela Creel were in Fort Worth Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. J. F. Luten, pastor of the First Methodist church, has been quite sick the past week.

Miss Diana Sumners will go to Ballinger as trimmer for the Higginbotham store.

Dolph Conley and family of Alvord are visiting the family of L. W. Tyler.

Gus Hughes was in Dallas Wednesday.

A. C. Hoyl is in Burkburnett this week. He expects the Hoyl well to come in within the next few days.

Dick Rieger was in Dallas this week.

The Humble well, west of Burkburnett, has knocked the stuffs out of the knockers "on the east side." The Humble is producing more oil per day than any three wells in any other part of the field, state authentic reports from Burkburnett.

Capt. Blythe of the Majestic has been on the sick list this week.

Cumberland

is a good buy in Burkburnett field. Business men at Burkburnett are stockholders in the company.

Action Counts

Execute some plan to satisfy the shortcomings of 1918...

Pay Up!

We have been liberal in extending Credits, and lenient in pushing Collections---But

A new season is upon us; Please "close up" the old.

Come in, at least COME IN.

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LOCAL NEWS

Rev. J. L. Ward was in Fort Worth Tuesday.

A. V. McAnear of Boyd, was here Monday.

Marvin Moore of Slidell, was here Tuesday.

B. W. Logan was here Wednesday from Rhame.

Jake Mosier was here from Greenwood Tuesday.

A. L. Harrison was here from Newark Wednesday.

Earl Standley spent several days in Frederick, Okla.

Jim B. Thomas of Alvord, was in the city Wednesday.

Carlo Ball was here Wednesday from Frederick, Okla.

Cashier Chas. Perry of the Slidell bank, was here Monday.

Postmaster Chas. Ratliff was here Wednesday from Rhame.

Go to Long & Dickson for feed and flour. West Main street.

Mrs. S. A. Heflin of Oklahoma, has been visiting relatives here.

Dr. A. Q. Gentry of Haskell, was here several days this week.

County Judge Paschall is improving from quite a spell of flu.

The big sale at the Meridian Garage continues till Feb. 15th.

Work horse and mules for sale. Helm, Ward and Dillehay.

W. R. Roland of Ft. Worth, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Homer Holliday is in the Park Springs and Crafton country.

Long & Dickson pays cash for produce. West of Dallas Grocery.

Bert Bloodworth and wife of Tulsa, Okla., are visiting relatives here.

Miss Pauline Kerr of Dallas, visited friends and relatives in the city Sunday.

Mrs. P. B. Montgomery visited relatives in the Paradise community last week.

Walter Wood, who has been seriously ill with influenza-pneumonia, is improving.

There will be degree work in the Masonic lodge Saturday night, beginning at 7:30.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harper, on Friday, Jan. 24, 1919, twins, a boy and girl.

Dr. Price Lowry has gone to Fort Worth, where he has a position in the Harris sanitarium.

Rev. W. L. Ayers, the County Missionary will preach at Pleasant Grove No. 1, on Sunday at both hours.

C. W. Andersen of Fort Worth, was in the city Sunday and Monday visiting acquaintances and friends.

Don't fail to see the basketball game here Monday—Denton Normal huky five versus the Decatur College team.

See the display of new spring suits dresses and blouses for the ladies in the west show window at the Red Store.

Mmes. W. C. Tarry of Stoneburg, and W. E. Barrett of Tecumseh, Ok., have been the guests of Mrs. Tom Wright.

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There were 7,047 bales of cotton ginned prior to Jan. 1, 1919, compared to 15,147 bales prior to same date in 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Melton have returned to their home in Fort Worth after a short stay here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Olin Brandenburg and daughter, Gwendolyn Fleta, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walker Patterson and daughter, Jennie Linn.

Mrs. John Hurd died at her home below Decatur on last Friday night. Interment occurred at Pleasant Grove cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Marriage licenses: John Pridemore and Miss Elizabeth Chapman; R. T. Milhollen and Miss Marie Minor; Luther Puckett and Miss Winnie Byron.

Fate Ball of Frederick, Okla., was here Wednesday. Fate is now interested in a \$300,000 oil company which is soon to begin operations in the Frederick field.

Soldier Grady Casey returned this week from a Georgia camp, having been discharged from the army. Casey had received his overseas clothing, and was ready to leave for the country of France when the armistice was signed.

Soldier J. E. Cox of Spur, just returned from France, has been visiting here. Cox was returned with wounded soldiers as he was wounded in the leg by a machine gun bullet. He belongs to Co. I, 144th Infantry, of the 36th Division.

Albert Griffith, living near Decatur, returned last week from service in France, where he has been since last March. Griffith did not see any service in battle, as he took sick shortly after arriving in France, and has since been unable for trench service.

J. B. Duke, formerly of Newark and Fort Worth, has opened a stock of groceries in the building with the second-hand store. Mr. Duke has

had a number of years' experience in the grocery business, and it is believed that he will make great success in this city.

The Denton normal basketball five will come to Decatur next Monday for two games with the college five. The game will be played at four thirty in the afternoon and at eight o'clock at night. The college has a good line-up and expects to give St. Clair's bunch a stiff fight.

Chas. T. Sides, who was a member of the Thirty-Sixth Division and trained at Camp Bowie, arrived here Saturday night, having received his discharge at Little Rock, Ark., Friday. He arrived in the states from overseas on January 3. He went over the top several times and received a wound in the shoulder.—Alvord News.

J. M. Daffron 76 years old, of McLain, Texas, came in Sunday night and was seriously ill when he left the train at Bridgeport. He was taken to the home of John Stocton, four miles east of Chico, where he died at two o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Daffron was an old settler in this community and lived here for many years. He moved from Chico to McLain several years ago where he has since resided. He was buried in Chico cemetery Tuesday evening at 3:30 o'clock.—Chico Review.

Gose Bros., and Scott & Gose are enlarging their quarters, putting in a department in the building formerly occupied by the Melton Millinery Co. These firms are now recognized as two of the most prominent real estate and brokerage concerns in this section of the state, and the amount of business transacted by them during the past few months would do credit to the best established firms in the larger cities. Keeping everlastingly at it, and giving good service has brought the plums to the Goses and Scott.

John W. Scott, a well-known and highly respected citizen of the Jonestown community, died at his home yesterday morning about 7:30 o'clock and was buried at Jonestown this afternoon. Rev. T. W. Thorpe conducting funeral services. Mr. Scott was an honorable, upright man and was held in high esteem by his neighbors. He was thirty-five years old and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Scott. He is survived by his wife, daughter, parents and other relatives and his wife and parents are all confined to their beds.—Alvord News.

Mrs. Bettie McDonald, wife of Dr. N. F. McDonald, succumbed to an attack of influenza-pneumonia at 2 o'clock Monday morning, following an illness of some ten days. The death of this noble christian lady came as a shock to her many friends in this community, although it was known that she was in a very critical condition and that her life has been spared of. Mrs. McDonald was in her thirty-sixth year, and was a devoted wife and mother. She leaves her husband and two daughters, Bonnie and Marguerite.—Bridgeport Index.

Mrs. W. W. Hanna, one of the older residents of Alvord, died at the home of her son, W. A. Hanna, Saturday night about ten o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis Thursday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Pastor H. E. Dana; burial at Alvord cemetery. Mrs. Hanna was seventy-two years old and was a native of Georgia; the family moving to Texas about thirty years ago and to Alvord a year or two later. She was a good christian woman, devoted to her family and true to her friends.—Alvord News.

Don't expect the Messenger to visit you if you are delinquent. Pay!

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Earl Phillips Dies Thursday, Jan. 23

Earl Phillips died at his home below Decatur on Thursday night of last week. The funeral services were held at the home Friday, conducted by Rev. M. B. Johnston. Interment occurred at Pleasant Grove cemetery. Mr. Phillips was 26 years of age, and had resided in this section most of his life. He was well and favorably known here, having resided in this city for some time recently. He leaves many good friends. Deceased was survived by a wife and one child.

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The Commissioners' court will receive bids for the depository of Wise county funds at its next regular meeting, February term. All bids will be opened on Monday, Feb. 10, at 2 p. m.—W. D. PASCHALL, County Judge.

CLASSIFIED ADS. One Cent Per Word.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—50-acre farm for rent for the year 1919 for one hundred dollars; will give the tenant twenty-five dollars for repast on place. If interested, go to the City National Bank of Decatur, Texas, deposit seventy-five dollars to my credit and send me deposit slip for the seventy-five.—MRS. M. A. MOONEY, 1341 Grand Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. (64)

FOR RENT—Farm, 57 1/2 acres; 45 in cultivation; feed and tools for sale; one mile northwest of Decatur. See J. C. CUNNINGHAM, Decatur.

LOST

LOST—Service pin, gold star. Return to Messenger office. (64)

STRAYED—An unmarked and unbranded small Jersey cow, fawn color Strayed from my place 1 mile south of Audubon.—J. F. MARKHAM, Alvord, Rte. 3 (63)

STRAYED—From the Shelton farm in Denton county about ten or twelve days ago, one light brown horse mule. Mane sheared down to neck about midway from head to body. About 7 or 8 years old, 14 1/2 or 15 hands high. Notify JIM B. THOMAS Alvord, Texas, and receive pay for your trouble. (62)

LOST—A folding camera was recently taken from the Messenger office. It contained unfinished roll of film. Please return films and kodak.

STRAYED—A small dark bay pony horse; about 14 hands, heavy; shod all around with high cork shoes; no brands; no white. \$5.00 reward. MOORE'S GROCERY, Decatur.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two fresh milk cows, one jersey and one red; see me at once.—HENRY DONALDSON, Decatur. (63)

CORD WOOD FOR SALE—5 miles south of town. B. B. SELLARS.

FOR SALE—The Judge Spencer residence and lot. Five large rooms and bath; barn and outhouses. See W. C. SHULTS, Decatur. (62)

FOR SALE—Some high-grade short horn Durham bull calves.—G. B. MALCOM, Rte. 8. (65)

FOR SALE OR RENT—Good 80-acre sandy land farm.—E. P. HARDING, Decatur.

WOOD FOR SALE—Heating and cook wood; enquire at Dallas' grocery store.

FOR SALE—Good riding sulkey plow. See JACK RIEGER.

WOOD—2000 ricks of stovewood, heater-wood and cord wood at my place, 1/2 mile east of Allison store; all goes for \$2.00 a cord or rick.—T. J. LYNCH.

HANDS, ARMS, LIMBS ASLEEP

And Was Run-Down, Weak and Nervous, Suffered Florida Lady. Five Bottles of Cardui Made Her Well.

Kathleen, Fla.—Mrs. Dallas Price, of this place, says: "After the birth of my last child...I got very much run-down and weakened, so much that I could hardly do anything at all. I was so awfully nervous that I could scarcely endure the least noise. My condition was getting worse all the time..."

I knew I must have some relief or I would soon be in the bed and in a serious condition for I felt so badly and was so nervous and weak I could hardly live. My husband asked Dr. about my taking Cardui. He said, 'It's a good medicine, and good for that trouble', so he got me 5 bottles...After about the second bottle I felt greatly improved...before taking it my limbs and hands and arms would go to sleep. After taking it, however, this poor circulation disappeared. My strength came back to me and I was soon on the road to health. After the use of about 5 bottles, I could do all my house-work and attend to my six children besides."

You can feel safe in giving Cardui a thorough trial for your troubles. It contains no harmful or habit-forming drugs, but is composed of mild, vegetable, medicinal ingredients with no bad after-effects. Thousands of women have voluntarily written, telling of the good Cardui has done them. It should help you, too. Try it.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any firm, person or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.—Collins & Smith, Publishers.

The oil magnates in Decatur should come together and build a hotel in this good town.

Put in a good word for the enterprises we have, then boost for others to come among us.

With the report that a five barrel oil sand had been struck in the well south of Bridgeport, the price of stock went glimmering.

We understand there are to be no extra road supervisors operating on the Meridian Highway. This is wise, as too many supervisors will deplete the fund.

Government ownership and control of the railroads disqualifies the railroad commission. It has been hum service since the government took over the roads.

Judge John Speer has resigned his district judgeship and formed a law partnership with J. W. Sullivan in Dentontown. Speer is a good lawyer, and he has hooked up with a good one.

"The people are being punished for interfering with our punal rights," stated the fellow who vows liquor will knock out the flu in short order.

A Messenger man, recovering from the flu, met Judge Paschall, recovering from the flu. "It's the devil, isn't it, Judge?" said the scribe. "And then some," replied the Judge.

A lease on land at Burkburnet recently sold at the rate of \$195,000 an acre. A few short months ago this land went begging at \$20 per acre. According to the high brow financiers, this is a terrible price to pay for a lease.

Slowly but surely the big man is getting his grabbers on the Ranger oil field, and in a short time the little fellow's activity out there will be history. Then, Ranger oil investments will be safe and sound, and the big corporation papers will tell it in wonderful stories.

Marion Muncy, one of the most prominent wheat farmers of the Shiloh country, believes Decatur should have another large elevator to take care of the farmers who have for years been hauling their wheat to Krum, in Denton county. "Wise county wheat has been supporting elevators in Denton county long enough," states Marion.

Wichita Falls, Texas, Jan. 30.—Some fancy prices are being paid for leases in the Burkburnet territory, in one instance the amount reaching the basis of \$195,000 an acre. For an undivided half interest in two and a half acres of the Hardin tract out of the Dubose survey, the rate of \$144,000 an acre has been paid.

W. T. Waggoner, president of the First National bank of Decatur, and reputed to be the wealthiest individual in Texas, has stated that he can be counted in on any movement that is for the best interests of his old home town and county. "The best days in my life were spent right here in old Decatur, and there's no place in all the world like it."

A former Decatur man, Bill Grisso, owns a majority of stock in the famous Helen-Elizabeth oil well near Burkburnet. A few years ago Grisso was a "counter jumper" in one of the local stores. Suppose Bill had taken his cue from the big fellows who say it is dangerous to take a chance; William, in all probability, would today be jumping counters.

It has been suggested that the city council, acting for the best interests of the town, compel property owners to assist the city in caring for the streets in front of their premises. Where a property owner refuses to contribute his part toward keeping the street in good condition, the city council has the authority to tax the cost against the property. Proceed, gentlemen of the council.

KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM

By William Cowper.

Knowledge and wisdom, far from being one.

Have ofttimes no connection, Knowledge dwells

In heads replete with thoughts of other men;

Wisdom in minds attentive to their own.

Knowledge, a rude, unprofitable mass

The mere materials with which Wisdom builds.

Till Smoothed, and squared, and fitted to its place—

Does but incumber whom it seems to enrich.

Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much;

Wisdom is humble that he knows no more.

Representative Canales of the Brownwood country, says he wants the ranger force in his section of the state investigated. Canales says the rangers have been acting badly, several citizens having been murdered by the force and a number compelled to contribute substantial sums to the till for "protection." On the heels of Canales' statement comes the news that a ranger has been convicted at Eastland for murdering a citizen. It appears that the rangers are rounding to a dangerous element in the old state.

A movement is being agitated in Decatur whereby it is proposed to hold an election in this city to give the city council the authority to repair and build streets, sidewalks and curbs, the same to be paid for out of the available funds of the city and by assessing the taxpayers of the property improved. Many Texas towns are taking advantage of this law for the improvement of walks and streets, and if any town ever needed such a law, it is Decatur. Every public citizen should get in behind the proposition, and work for the improvement of the town.

GET BUSY

If a man tells you that there are no impossibilities under his hide, you can mark him down as either a loafer or a quitter.

Every human being on earth has created possibilities within himself. Things which he would like to do and which he could do well, but fails because he is either too lazy to begin or quits at his first setback.

One of our most successful writers of the day sent over a hundred stories to a popular magazine before the first one was accepted.

A physician of Washington, D. C., noted for his books on appendicitis, was one time an orderly in a big hospital. He fell in love with his work and developed his latent possibilities. Today he is recognized as one of the big medical men of the country.

Do you think that these men would have served their fellow men as they are doing if they had not used their will power in the development of the hidden possibilities of them?

They would not. If you have a something in your system that is crying for development get busy at once. Each day's delay only retards your ultimate achievement that same length of time.—Dallas Dispatch.

RECKON THE COST

Oil's golden stream is not an unmixed blessing. With its benefits and blessings it has its handicaps and its temptations. It has brought such a swirl of business and prosperity that there is danger some of us may be swept from our foundations of sound business and right living into the uncertainties of speculation and disordered lives.

The man who loses his honor in his pursuit of wealth has lost more than all the oil will ever be produced from the Burkburnet pool can give him, for what is left when honor is lost? The man who wrecks his health in an attempt to meet the increasing demands of his own regular business while attempting to gather what he may conceive to be his share of oil wealth has lost more than all the pleasures and comforts that his

money can buy. The man who has forgotten his duty to his family and to his community in a headlong pursuit of wealth has robbed not only himself but others.

It is well to reckon the cost before you get too deep into the oil game.—Wichita Falls Daily Times.

THE "FLU"

When your back is broke

And your eyes are blurred,

And your shin-bones knock

And your tongue is furred,

And your tonsils squeak

And your hair gets dry,

And you're doggone sure

That you're going to die,

But you're "skeered" you won't

And afraid you will—

Just drag to bed

And have your chill.

And pray the Lord

To see you through—

For you've got the "flu," son,

You've got the "flu."

When your toes curl up

And your belt goes flat,

And you're twice as mean

As a Thomas cat,

And life is a long

And dismal curse,

And your food all tastes

Like a hard-boiled hearse;

When your lattice aches,

And your head's a-buzz,

And nothing is as it ever was—

You've got the "flu," son,

You've got the "flu."

What is it like,

This Spanish "flu?"

Ask me, brother,

For I've been through;

It is misery

Out of despair;

It pulls your teeth

And curls your hair;

It thins your blood

And breaks your bones,

And fills your craw

With groans and moans—

And, maybe, sometime,

You'll get well;

Some call it "flu"—

I call it h—l! —Newman (Ga.) Herald.

BASEBALL

The game opened with Molasses at the stick and Smallpox catching. Cigar was in the box with plenty of smoke. Horn on first base, and Fiddle on second, backed by Corn in the field, made it hot for Empire Apple, who was rotten. Ax came to bat and chopped. Cigar let Brick-walk, and Saw-dust filled the bases. Song made a hit, and Twenty made a score. Cigar went out and Balloon started to pitch, but went straight up. Then Cherry tried it but was wild. Old Ice kept cool in the game until he was hit by a pitched ball; then you should have heard Ice scream. Cabbage had a good head and kept quiet. Grass covered lots of ground in the field, and the crowd cheered when the Spider caught the fly.

Bread loafed on third and pumped Oregon, who played fast and put Light out. In the fifth inning, Wind began to blow about what he could do. Hammer began to knock and Trees began to leave. The way they roasted Peanuts was a fright. Knife was put out for cutting first base. Lightning finished the game and struck out six men.

In the ninth Apple told Fiddle to take his base. Oats was shocked, and then Song made another hit. Trombone made a slide, and Meat was put out on the plate. There was a lot of betting on the game, but Soap cleaned up. The score was 3 to 2. Door said is he had pitched he would have shut them out.



ROBT. L. FINCH.

Captain Robt. Finch, a distinguished lecturer, will speak at the High School Tuesday night, Feb. 4. We believe all the numbers have been high class and that people have been pleased. We think Captain Finch will be one of the most entertaining of all the numbers. He will lecture on soldiers' life and organizations that have made soldier life better. Come and hear him, you will get your money's worth.

A NEW 1919 MODEL!

The Farmer Merchant's stock of Groceries and Feed is nearing completion.

Just received 100 sacks each of Kansas wheat Shorts and Bran; also car load Krum Flour, Cornmeal, Bran, Shorts and Barley Chops.

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Can save you money on all the above articles. Come along, join the bargain seekers, the smiling crowds. Come in and purchase from me because my prices are best. Don't be deceived by anyone; come in and get my prices before buying. **IT WILL PAY YOU TO PAY CASH!** Don't pay an exorbitant price because someone will charge things to you; and then pay interest on that. My word and honor to give you honest weights and measures.

A word to city trade: Don't pay \$1.00 to get your groceries delivered when you can get them delivered for 35c. Let me help you cut the cost of edibles. Save, save, that you may be saved.

Fred Freeman

Office of the First State Bank of Decatur, Texas

NOTICE

A meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Decatur, Texas, is hereby called to meet at the First State Bank Building in Decatur, Texas, on the 10th day of Mar., 1919, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to close the business of the above named bank and to surrender the corporate franchise in conformity with the provisions of section 77 of the act First called session of the 29th. Legislature of Texas, 1905 Revised Statutes of Texas, art 561.

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Dallas-Wichita Interurban Line Plans to Decatur Wounded

Sunday's Dallas News.

E. P. Turner has issued the following statement with reference to the proposed interurban line to Wichita Falls:

"I feel that the recent interviews relative to the necessity of an interurban line from Dallas to Wichita Falls, via Denton, and the advisability of some preliminary movement being started, calls for a word of explanation from me. The Dallas-Northwestern Traction Company was chartered under the laws of Texas. The officers and stockholders are among the most reliable business men and bankers of Dallas, Lewisville, Denton and Bowie, and have gone far beyond the preliminary stage. We have made three complete surveys between Dallas and Denton and two from there to Bowie. We have our bonds approved, properly executed, and now in the hands of the Metropolitan Trust Company of New York, who, after thorough investigation of our project, agreed to act as trustees and we hold a trust agreement properly executed by them.

"We have a contract for the building and equipping our line from Dallas to Slidell, in exchange for bonds and a certain portion of our capital stock. We are to furnish the engineering and also the right-of-way, and if the citizens of Dallas and other points will render us some assistance in procuring the right-of-way, the line will be built as soon as the conditions become more favorable.

"We have spent to today between \$35,000 and \$40,000 in preliminary work. It is a six or seven-million dollar proposition under present conditions and could not possibly be financed as a whole. We expect to build first to Slidell, Krum or Denton, then to Bowie, and then to Wichita Falls. Mr. Kemp assured me that if we got the line to Bowie, they would let it in to Wichita Falls.

"As I have always contended, this is a very important line for Dallas, but so far, we have received very little encouragement. However, I fully believe the people will eventually assist us very materially in securing the right-of-way, and that this important line will be built in due time.

J. Ford

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Up-Stairs in Messenger Bldg.
DECATUR, TEXAS

Joe Casey Returned to Decatur Wounded

Sergt. Joe Casey, who recently returned to Camp Bowie from France, visited homefolks and friends in Decatur Sunday. He expects to be discharged from the service soon. Joe was still limping from wounds received in battle. He got about everything the Germans had to hand out during the fighting on Oct. 8th, while his regiment was driving the Huns back toward the Rhine. A big shell explosion knocked Joe unconscious for a short time, and he was hit in the hip by a piece of the shell. Later he was shot through the big toe, and took a slight amount of gas. A bullet also grazed his ear. So, it seems that Sergt. Casey had just about as close calls as any other soldier to come out alive. His many friends were glad to welcome him home, and we all hope he will soon be completely recovered.

Humble Well Is Flowing 2,000

Wichita Falls, Jan. 27.—The Humble well on the Herndon tract, west of the Burkhardt pool, started flowing Sunday and put oil into the tank at the rate of 2,000 barrels a day. The well had been drilled further into the sand on Friday and bailed on Saturday, then shut down until Sunday. When it was turned loose it started flowing and in the first eleven hours made 1,000 barrels.

Mrs. Wauford Dies Leaving 4 Children

Mrs. Laurence Wauford died at her home in this city Monday morning. The remains were carried to Bowie Tuesday, where funeral services were held. Mrs. Wauford had been all of the flu for over two weeks and she was suffering from that malady at the time of her husband's death on Jan. 16th. Since that time she had been improving, and her relatives and friends believed she was out of danger. On Monday morning Mrs. Wauford raised up from her bed to take medicine, and fell back in a dying condition, from which she never rallied. Heart-failure was believed to have caused her sudden demise. Mrs. Wauford was a splendid little woman, a devoted wife and mother, and she had many friends here. She is survived by a little daughter and three young sons.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By Rev. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 2

THE GIVING OF THE MANNA.

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 16:1-36.
GOLDEN TEXT—Give us this day our daily bread—Matthew 6:11.
ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Deut. 8:1-20; John 6:32-33.
PRIMARY TOPIC—God's gift of food—Ex. 16:1-15.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Daily food in the desert. Memory Verses—Matt. 6:21, 23.
INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Our daily dependence upon God.
SENIOR AND ADULT TOPIC—Poverty and providence in our day.

I. Lusting for the Flesh Pots of Egypt (16:1-36).

1. Murmuring against Moses and Aaron (vv. 1-3).

As they journeyed from Elim into the great wilderness they became conscious of the scarcity of some of the things they had enjoyed even in Egyptian slavery. Only a few days ago they were singing God's praises for their wondrous deliverance at the Red Sea (Ch. 15). Now at the beginning of their privation they are murmuring. They utterly lack spiritual perception. They were a free people on the way to their own land. What did it matter, with such a prospect, though they were a bit hungry?

This complaining showed a base ingratitude and was most dishonoring to God. Unthankfulness is a sign of heart corruption (Rom. 1:21).

2. God's answer to their murmurings (vv. 4-12).

(1). He promised to rain bread from heaven (vv. 4, 5). His purpose in this was to teach them that "man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord." (Deut. 8:3). The manna was given by God, but the people must gather it. (2) He promised to give them a vision of his glory (vv. 6-10). This served as a warning and an encouragement. Despite their murmurings against him he invites them to come near unto him. Wonderful grace that sinful, ungrateful men should be permitted to come near to God! (3) Flesh and bread promised (vv. 11, 12). God answered the cravings of the people by giving them quails and manna to eat. How gracious is our God! (1). He promised to rain bread from heaven (vv. 4, 5). His purpose in this was to teach them that "man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord." (Deut. 8:3). The manna was given by God, but the people must gather it. (2) He promised to give them a vision of his glory (vv. 6-10). This served as a warning and an encouragement. Despite their murmurings against him he invites them to come near unto him. Wonderful grace that sinful, ungrateful men should be permitted to come near to God! (3) Flesh and bread promised (vv. 11, 12). God answered the cravings of the people by giving them quails and manna to eat. How gracious is our God!

At the appointed time God gave the Israelites the promised food. He first allowed them to feel their need, to show that man's highest need is to believe God and rely upon him for all needs (Deut. 8:2, 3; Matt. 4:3, 4). He then displayed his glory, showing that he was able and willing to supply their need if they would obey him.

1. In the evening the quails came up (v. 13).

Since they desired flesh he gave them flesh to eat. This is an example of the patience and long-suffering of God. How he caters to the whims of his vacillating children!

2. In the morning God gave the manna (vv. 14, 15).

The Israelites did not know what it was. They exclaimed: "What is it?" Moses told them it was the bread which the Lord had given them to eat.

III. The Responsibilities of the Israelites (16:16-31).

1. They must gather a certain ration daily (v. 16 of v. 4).

This was to test their faith. They must look to him for their daily bread (Matt. 6:11).

2. Every man was to gather for himself (v. 16 of v. 20).

The manna typified Christ (John 6:33, 51). As each man was to gather for himself so each one must appropriate Christ for himself.

3. The manna must be gathered fresh every morning (v. 21).

This was to be done early, before the sun was up. Christ, our manna, should be taken each day, and the first thing in the day (John 6:57).

4. They must not gather in excess of one day's supply (vv. 18, 20).

That which was in excess of the day's supply became corrupt. Christians should make use of the gifts bestowed by God. God's graces are only good when put to use.

5. The manna must be eaten to preserve life.

They were in the wilderness, so could only live by eating of the food which God gave. In the wilderness of this world only those who feed upon Christ, the true manna, have eternal life (John 6:50, 51).

6. Due consideration should be given to the Sabbath day (vv. 22-31). A double portion was to be gathered the day before.

IV. Manna Kept as a Memorial (16:32-36).

This was to be kept as a reminder of God's favor in supplying them with bread in the wilderness for forty years.

Help From Nature Study.

The study of nature is well pleasing to God, and is akin to prayer. Learning the laws of nature, we magnify the first inventor, the designer of the world; and we learn to love him, for great love of God results from great knowledge.—Leonardo da Vinci.

Think First Upon God.

In the morning, when you awake, accustom yourself to think first upon God, or something in order to his service; and at night, also, let him close his eyes.—Jeremy Taylor.

Captures German Who Was Former Neighbor

Ottawa, O.—"Say, you look like a Dutchman that lived down the pike from me in Ohio once. You ain't a brother, or something, of Gus Goecke's, are you?" Albert Lammers, who lives on a farm near here, prodded one of a group of German prisoners he had captured single-handed and was driving toward the American lines a few days before the armistice was signed. "No, Al, I'm Gus."

Lammers tells of the incident in a letter just received here. Goecke, he says, returned to Germany for a visit just before the war started in 1914 and was compelled to serve in the German army.

MUST BE RICH TO BUY DRINK

Maine Woodsmen Now Have to Pay \$5 for Pint of Whisky.

Bangor, Me.—War, which used up so much alcohol and starved the distilleries, and the bone-dry law affecting the shipment of liquors from wet into dry territory, have made anything like warm sociability, let alone hilarity, impossible in Maine to any save the wealthy.

In the olden days a woodsman or a sailor went into a Bangor bar (and at one time there were 181, including seven varieties to choose from), laid down a dime and took a drink of what could easily be identified as whisky.

But now a drink of whisky is served with Black Hand secrecy, and many a wink and whisper of caution in some dugout up an alley, or maybe taken in a dark hallway from the dirty glass of a bootlegger, and costs 25 to 40 cents, while a half pint costs \$2 to \$2.50, a pint \$4 to \$5, and a quart \$6 to \$10, according to quality, time and place. There seems to be plenty of whisky, or near whisky, here and elsewhere in Maine, but the high cost of drinking has driven common folks out of the market.

GET TWO REAL "DEVIL DOGS"

Two Russian-Bred Timber Wolves With Mixture of Shepherd Added to Marine Personnel.

Quantico, Va.—Two real "devil dogs" have just been added to the personnel of the marine barracks here, the gifts of Mrs. Alvin Untermyer of Yonkers, N. Y.

The dogs, "Teddy" and "Roland," are Russian-bred timber wolves with a mixture of shepherd, and are ferocious enough to suit the most blood-thirsty marine.

"Teddy," a massive, reddish-brown canine, is trained to carry ammunition, seek wounded, deliver messages, scale walls and jump hedges. "Roland," a slender gray of the Russian wolfhound type, is expert at leaping over obstacles and in carrying ammunition.

The dogs gave an exhibition of their talent before officers of the marine corps recently and so delighted their audience that each will wear a leather collar with the globe, anchor and eagle emblem on it.

POET GETS HAIRCUT IN JAIL

"Apostle of the Natural Law" Is Shorn of His Flowing Locks in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo.—Percy Ellsworth Riker Tuttle, the unshorn poet and apostle of the "natural law," has been shorn.

Percy let his hair grow long because he said it was "natural law," just the same as when he married by the "natural" ceremony to a spirit in a previous incarnation.

But the cruel minion of the law, the jail barber, cut his flowing locks, much to the amusement of his fellow jail comrades. Percy is serving 60 days in the Jackson county jail for alleged attempt to evade the draft law.

WILL CONTAINS 13 WORDS

Document Written on Back of Used Envelope Disposes of Property Worth \$15,000.

New York.—Written on the back of a used envelope, the 13-word-long will of Margaret A. Smythe of Elmhurst was filed recently in the county clerk's office at Jamaica. It bequeaths her estate of \$15,000 to her father, Samuel Smythe, who petitioned for its probate.

The woman wrote in ink: "I leave all my bank books, stamps, stocks, securities and dividends to father." The will is dated October 28, 1918, and there were two witnesses.

BROTHER HALTED BROTHER

Sergeant Finds Himself Face to Face With Brother He Hadn't Seen in Four Years.

Uniontown, Pa.—"Halt! Who goes there? Advance and give the countersign," said a soldier in the Argonne.

Sergt. John Harvey of this place did as ordered, and for the first time in four years found himself face to face with his brother, Sergt. Edward Harvey. Neither of the brothers knew the other was within several thousand miles of France.

Groceries and Dry Goods

At Special Prices

I have opened up a stock of groceries on the northwest corner of the square in the Second-Hand Store.

I am making special prices on these goods and it will pay you to come here for your groceries while you can save money.

I also have a remnant of dry goods and notions, which I am closing out AT COST and even below in some lines.

Come and look over the stock and you will be glad to buy.

J. B. DUKE



An Island Paradise

Hawaii! Waves of blue and white beating up on the golden sands! The murmur of the tradewind

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The strumming ukulele accompanying the mellow voices of the natives, has made itself known to every home in our country. The guitar, that curious Hawaiian guitar, with its crying, whining tone—you are all familiar with it.

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Hands Up! Majestic Saturday, Feb. 1

COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

Nine men, composing D. B. C's basketball squad, left Wednesday for a trip over the state. They will meet several of the heavy college teams, including Baylor and Southwestern. Lieut. John Fullingim, captain of the team, is in charge of the squad. Mr. Hughes accompanied the team as far as Dallas. The team will return the first of next week.

Monday Decatur college will meet her old rival, Denton Normal college, in two games, to be played here in the college gym Monday afternoon and night. Denton has a strong team, since she has a Decatur man for coach, and two Decatur men as stars of the team. D. B. C. is expecting a hard-fought series, but will also expect two victories. The Denton girls' team will also play the Baptist college girls Monday afternoon. The two afternoon games will be played in alternate halves. A big

attendance is expected for these two games.

President Ward was in Fort Worth Monday attending a meeting which planned for the launching of the million-dollar Baptist Loyalty Bond campaign.

Rev. Herbert Burns matriculated Monday.

Rev. U. G. Gale was in Dallas on Monday and Tuesday attending his brother, who is sick in the Baptist sanitarium.

An expression recital will be given some time next week.

Chas. Morris and Fulton Moore have quit school.

Glenn Russell, Cody Milligan and W. E. Terrell were in Burkhardt this week.

Reports are that Capt. Steve Lillard is now on his way home from France.

Letters From France

H. G. Ward Writes About Cootie Fights

Flogny, France,
Dec. 19, 1918.

Dear Marvin:—

Since I last wrote, almost three months ago, I have successfully negotiated an officers' training school, have been evacuated through two casual camps, have made two box car trips across France, and am now back in my old organization and attached for duty with Headquarters Company. The above mentioned evolutions were accompanied by a considerable degree of mental and physical anguish (nerve-racking at the time, but since forgotten,) together with many bright and interesting experiences, and some too funny for words.

You will remember that in some of our good old talks before I left the states, I expressed my growing dissatisfaction with being in a non-combatant branch of the service; not that the military bands do not go up on the front and work heroically, for they do, but they do not actually take part in the fighting. I was especially ambitious for the aviation, but I waited too late to effect a transfer, so since coming to France I was given an opportunity to enter the infantry officers' training school at Langres, which I gladly accepted.

What a wonderful city is Langres! Built as it is upon the top of a mountain, or rather an immense plateau, enclosed about by a wall with formidable buttresses, battlements, and watchtowers. The school was located in the most central stronghold as the citadel, protected by two additional walls, with draw-bridges and moats, and, in fact, is just such a place as you find pictured in Dumas, or other romantic novels of the time when knighthood was in flower. It is as ancient as Rome, and is in fact, connected with that city by one of the famous roads or ways built when Rome was in her prime, and Langres was one of the three principal dukedoms of southern Europe.

At the end of six weeks of school, I was lucky enough to be among a certain number of men picked out as being eligible for commissions, but still more luckily, the signing of the armistice put an end to the war, the front line and the commissions as well.

A train load of us were shipped across France for casual camps in a very leisurely circuitous manner, as is the way of troop trains; being at the mercy of traffic conditions. It would almost strain your imagination to conceive of the material and supplies necessary to furnish the allied armies, even since the armistice.

Besides France's own railroads, runs duplicate lines built and operated by Uncle Sam, all double tracked with an endless procession of trains, day and night, each way, only a few minutes apart. I won't attempt to describe our wintery box car trip across France. Suffice to say, that it is almost as supreme a test of one's morale as being under shell fire. Picture forty men with their equipment in a tiny French box car, entirely bare, and about one-third the size of our cars; and this for several days, no seats, no fire, and taking it turn about to sit down. But American grit and cheerfulness inevitably assert themselves even in the most distressing conditions. As our train was rattling and clattering through the towns and country side we got humor out of the situation. Some of the boys moored like cows, others bleated like sheep or squealed like hogs, all for the world like a train load of stock bound for a packing house—this to the great amusement of the French people along the line.

We unloaded at midnight in the icy yards at Le Mans and had a good laugh at the exasperatingly ironical command—"Make yourselves COMFORTABLE here for the remainder of the night."

Upon reaching camp next day and after a few moments of scientific research and secret investigation, I made an important zoological discovery—I was an insectivorous animal—I had the cooties! Mind you, I use the plural number in all of its intensity. Remember the rather pathetic song "Nero, My Dog Has Fleas," etc? Well, Nero nero didn't have a thing on me. Why I was selected as a rendezvous for mobilization perhaps, I shall never know, but the scene I gazed on was similar to the picture in the Paris paper, showing the multitude waiting to see Pres. Wilson in the Place de la Concorde. I must confess that I had heard much concerning these playful creatures, and ever since I landed at St. Nazaire, I have been the victim of mysterious tingles, creepy shivers, crawling twitches and a hundred similar

sensations, which I had always found to be the product of my imagination, and which accounts for the fact that I was a complete victim of the armies of occupation before I was aware of their presence. Consequently I had learned to read my shirt. This ceremonial usually takes place in the maximum light and warmth of high noon. A congenial circle is formed. Then shirts are removed and all solemnly begin to read the seams with the intensity and concentration of a Hindu priest reading from the Khoran. After some experiments we made an important discovery—cooties would fight each other. Numerous fights were staged, a sheet of stationary being the arena and I point with pride to the fact that one of "my" entries, a savage little fellow of slight blue tint, undersized as he was, successfully met all comers.

Another advantage of being a "carrier" in this camp was that you could show the sanitary officer a real live specimen. Otherwise you were turned away unwept, unhonored and unwashed until perchance you might borrow one from a friend and thereby have the sober platitude brought afresh to your mind—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

A friend and I took in a French picture show here and were the only Americans present. We took lodge seats where we had a good view of the audience and orchestra, and were at once surrounded by a bunch of boys, one of whom, an overgrown lad of some sixteen years, insisted upon holding my hand throughout the performance, so we sat there with fingers entwined like a newly-wedded couple at a picnic.

The orchestra consisted of ten girls who made very good music, and to our surprise played, "Over There" and "Dixie," which sounded quite strange under their interpretation. The men all kept on their hats during the show, but we decided to leave ours off in defiance of the old saying, "When in Rome do as the Romans do," therefore typically American. The pictures were of American make but the titles were in French; and by the way, they have over here also the pests who insist on reading them aloud. A Charlie Chaplin picture was shown and was received with all the uproar and enjoyment of an American audience. The French are very quick to catch a joke and thoroughly enjoy a laugh.

It is going to be a strange Xmas to me here but my thoughts can flash across the sea and commune with homebods and friends in old Deatur. Here's wishing for you and yours the "best ever" year for 1919. Your Friend, SERGT. HENRY G. WARD, Headquarters Co., 142nd Infantry, A. P. O. 796, Amer. Ex. Forces.

L. C. Boyd Tells of Experience Oversea

Flogny, Yonne,
Jan. 2, 1919.

My Dear Loved Ones:—

Yesterday was the first day of a year and it found me at Tonnerre at the football game being played between the 80th and our division. The result was a twenty to nothing for us, which puts the 36th in line for the A. E. F. Championship. I was very glad to see the game yesterday, for I am sure it was the best I have ever seen; then, it kept me from being restless for the days, for we are still talking it today.

My furlough was quite a treat to me and meant much from an educational standpoint. I saw the beautiful parts of this country; learned more of the French ways of customs; visited many old historic and beautiful buildings and—oh, I can't say what all.

First, I'll go back to the beginning. Sixteen of us left the company on the sixteenth of December and reached La Bourboule on the seventeenth. (Get your map and it will be fifty kilometers south of Clermont in central southern France.) We were assigned to hotels, each man being given a separate room, and were told that meals would be served at eight, twelve and eighteen o'clock—all expenses being paid by the government. My, but it was a fine feeling to have a room; some one to clean it up; a china wash bowl and clean towels daily; good food properly cooked and napkins and clean plates with each course, etc., etc. Then we had a dandy "Y."

Really, I hardly know how I secured my own permission to leave this easy and quite life with the mountains almost calling me audibly to climb each and everyone. But since early Sunday School days, I had studied of people who lived and performed great deeds on the Mediter-

anian sea and coast, and following this came the study in school and the Mediterranean seemed to be the center of the world; and all the days longing has increased until I found I was willing to risk some punishment if I could complete the trip. Grady Woodruff was also keen for the trip, so we took a "French leave" from our new and peaceful surroundings to venture on an eight hundred mile trip, on \$44.00 (combined wealth.) But let me stop to say that we made the trip alright, gained all objectives, and were complimented by our officers for our nerve and good judgement in making the trip when they learned of it after we rejoined the company.

We left La Bourboule at 7:30 on the 19th, reaching Clermont at 10:30 and here I did my first "show window shopping" in a large French town and was agreeably surprised to find that many stores and their attractive show windows were up to American standards in many ways. Pretty parks, statues and streets were looked over with interest but the chief attraction here was the six-hundred-years old cathedral. The architecture, its massiveness, height, beautifully colored glass windows, beautiful decorations; all this combined, caused us to appreciate seeing it very much. In it we saw thousands of pictures along one wall and each other which we supposed to have been left by bereaved friends as objects of prayer.

We found a Y. M. C. A. here and spent an hour playing the phonograph,—there being a fine collection of records to select from. It made us feel very near to home. I must make a little explanation in order to tell you how we found the "Y." All French children (boys in particular, of course,) want cigarettes and continually are asking American soldiers for them. Here a twelve-year-old chap, who had learned a little English by being associated with one wounded in the hospital, asked us for a smoke, and on being told that we had none asked that we go to the "Y" and buy some for him, offering to pilot us. We had looked for the "Y" in vain up to that time and were really anxious to find—and finally we said we would buy him one package if he would show us the way, this being the only condition or inducement to get him to act as pilot. This just shows how badly the kids want cigarettes, also how shrewd and persistent they are.

I see that I must write of my trip as a continued story, so look for the next edition soon.

Hoping you are well and with my love to all, I am, as ever, Your boy and brother,
CORP. L. C. BOYD, 142nd Infantry
Band, A. P. O. 796, A. E. F.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The state of Texas, county of Wise By virtue of a certain order of sale, issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 26 day of November, 1918, by W. V. Cunningham, district clerk of Wise county against Mrs. E. F. Laird, for the sum of Thirteen and 22-100 (\$13.22) dollars and costs of suit, in cause No. 1570 in said court, styled City of Decatur versus Mrs. E. F. Laird and placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Malone, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 14 day of January, 1919, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit: Lot No. 1, Block No. 12, Range D of the Devoreux addition to the city of Decatur Texas. Block No. 69 of the Tarleton addition to the city of Decatur, Texas, and levied upon as the property of said Mrs. E. F. Laird, and on Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 1919, at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m. I will sell said real estate at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. E. F. Laird by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance of law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 14 day of January, 1919.—W. M. MALONE, Sheriff of Wise County, Texas. By Geo. T. Gage, Deputy. (dJan-31)

Methodist Junior League Program

Prayer—Reuben Moore.
Song—32.
Song—102.
Scripture reading—Robert Gibson.
Reading—Mildred Renshaw.
Quartette—Lorene Jensen, Ruby Ola Gilliland, Hollis Greer, Reuben Moore.
The Disciples' Prayer—Matt. 6, 5-8—Lady Bess Prunty.
A Rule of Prayer—Ps. 4, 16-17—Thelma Taylor.
A Reason for Prayer—1 Peter 4, 7—Josephine Brandenburg.
Roll Call and Questions.
Song—38.
Prayer.
Leader—Reuben Moore.
Mildred Renshaw, reporter.

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In order to show you men that WE appreciate YOUR trade and that we WANT YOUR ORDER for that SPRING AND SUMMER suit, we are going to give

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MR. GENE WALKER

On Jan. 13, 1919, Mr. Gene Walker died at his home nine miles south and east of Decatur, Texas. He was born on Aug. 13, 1871, near Macon, Ga. He was married to Miss Ada Roberson, Dec. 17, 1893, at Frankford, Dallas County, Texas. They came to Wise county nine years ago from Denton county. He is survived by a wife and seven children. As a citizen of his country and community he is honorable, upright and just. He was public spirited and stood for the upbuilding of his community. And was always found on the moral side of the many perplexing problems confronting him. He was tender and loving to his family, and worked hard to provide for them in all their wants, physical, mental and moral. As a neighbor he was cheerful, helpful, and always ready to serve everyone. Everyone always had a good word for their neighbor, Walker. Thus he made a good name for himself and for his family. One of the best things that can be said of anyone is what can be said of Mr. Walker—he was a good man.

Mr. Walker believed firmly and faithfully in Christ and the christian religion. He endeavored to practice in his daily life the tenants and precepts of that faith. He said as to his going, "I am ready, I have no fears."

This appreciation of him comes one who was close to his heart and life. One to whom he proved to be a friend. He feels like he has lost one of the very best friends, and he shall always hold his memory dear to his life.

It is hoped that the God of Heaven will guide the lives and destinies of the bereaved family. His Friend,
MILLARD CHILTON.

Mother and Baby of Gainesville Burned

Gainesville, Jan. 28.—Mrs. J. O. Ford was probably fatally burned, and her baby was seriously burned in a fire which destroyed their home at Rosston, several miles from here today. Mrs. Ford is the daughter-in-law of Thomas Ford, sheriff of Cook county.

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Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1918.
A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
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On account of our large and increasing business, we have leased the Melton building for a term of years and will open our new offices there about February 1st, and invite the public to call and see us in our new quarters.

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GOSE BROTHERS
SCOTT & GOSE

M'NULTYS' DEEDS WIN THEM FAME

Though Not Related, They Edge
Their Way Into Hall
of Fame.

LIVES ARE NEARLY PARALLEL

Coming From Extremes of Continent,
and Entering Marine Corps, They
Distinguish Themselves by
Remarkable Deeds of Valor.

Washington.—What's in the name
McNulty?

The encyclopedia is silent concerning its origin, but two marines of that name, who probably did not even know one another, had lives that were nearly parallel to one another, and both distinguished themselves as heroes on the battlefields of France. Which is indicative that the same fighting blood courses in the veins of these McNultys from an ancestry that was doubtlessly Irish.

Their names were nearly alike—Thomas John McNulty and John McNulty. They were both in the beginning of their forties—they were both in the marine corps—they were both first sergeants—and both had seen 19 years of service under the Stars and Stripes. Moreover, both fought in the same battles in France and both were seriously wounded. And the climactic result of this strange parallel was that both distinguished themselves as heroes almost at the same time. John was awarded the distinguished service cross and Thomas was cited for distinguished service.

Parallel Ceases.

But here the parallel ceases and things begin to take opposites. Thomas John enlisted in San Francisco, and it was at the other side of the continent—Norfolk, Va.—that John enlisted. Thomas John was born in America and John in England. Thomas John was first sergeant of the Sixty-sixth company of marines and John was the first sergeant of the Seventy-seventh company. And finally John had been with the United States army during the greater part of his 19 years' military service, while Thomas John had put his 19 years entirely into the marine corps.

It was in the marines' great fight at Belleau Wood that First Sergt. Thomas John McNulty won his fame and subsequent citation. He led his company of men in a daring charge across a field of poppies against Belleau Wood, whence German machine guns poured death into their midst. His grim shouts of encouragement cheered them on to victory until his voice was silenced by lead and he fell seriously wounded amid the blossoms.

But his was a hardihood that could not die by any sudden means. Upon his recovery he joined a replacement battalion and was in the heat of subsequent battles up to the time the armistice went into effect. He has a father, Patrick McNulty, living at No. 1013 Bennet street, Scranton, Pa.

Extraordinary Heroism.

First Sergt. John McNulty was awarded his cross for extraordinary heroism in the fighting between Blanc-Mont and Saint Etienne. Under a heavy artillery and machine-gun fire that rolled forward with a German counter-attack he stuck by his machine gun. Every man of his gun crew was shot down beside him, but he stuck. Shot after shot burrowed its way into his vitals, but still he stuck to his machine gun with a tenacity that could only be broken with death and a regard that he did not have for his life. It was at a moment when it seemed that his iron power of will was soon to have no living body to direct that the German attack was beaten off, and First Sergeant McNulty laid his head on the ground exhausted. Even then he stuck by his gun, and it was only when ordered to the rear by his commanding officer that he finally retired. "He was an inspiring example to his men," according to memoranda in connection with his being awarded the distinguished service cross.

His mother is Mrs. Jane A. Wilson, who lives at No. 45 Dashwood street, Revere, Mass.

ARE TAUGHT HOW TO "JANIT"

Aspirants Are Instructed in the Secrets
of the Janitor's Profession by
Atlanta Institution.

Atlanta, Ga.—An institution dedicated primarily to teaching janitors how to "janit" has just been established in Atlanta under the management of H. S. Hilley, director of the department of vocational guidance. Its course embraces everything from firing a furnace to diplomatic usages concerning bill collectors and book agents. Thirty would-be janitors are already enrolled and other applications are on file. The janitors will graduate with diplomas and degrees.

Novel Memorial Plan.

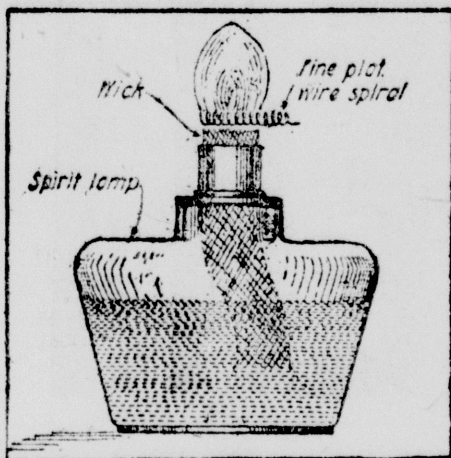
Catasauqua, Pa.—Catasauqua has a novel plan for a \$125,000 monument that it plans to erect for the heroes of the European war. The memorial is to be financed and built by the Catasauqua Memorial Community association. It is proposed to incorporate with a capital of \$200,000 with 2,000 subscribers at 1 cent a day, 1,500 at 2 cents a day, 500 at 3 cents, 500 at 5 cents, all for five years, this plan netting \$198,000.

The Scrap Book

NOVEL LIGHT FROM ALCOHOL

Inexpensive Lamp Formed With Combination of Platinum Wire and the Requisite Spirits.

Procure six or eight inches of platinum wire, about the hundredth part of an inch in thickness, says the Electrical Experimenter. Coil it round a small cylinder ten or twelve times,



then drop it on the flame of a spirit lamp, so that part may touch the wick and part remain above it. Light the lamp, and when it has burned a minute or two put it out; the wire will then be ignited, and continue so long as any spirit remains in the lamp.

LONELY SPOT IS ST. KILDA

Most Remote of the Hebrides Islands,
Communication With It Is
Decidedly Irregular.

Many have been the vicissitudes through which the lonely island of St. Kilda—attacked by a German submarine in May last—has passed.

St. Kilda is the most remote of the Hebrides, the nearest land to it being Griminish point, North Uist, 40 miles away.

The island has been the property of the Macleods from time immemorial, although one of the family, Gen. Normand Macleod, sold it in 1779. It was repurchased, however, in 1871 for £3,000 by his grandson, known to the worthy folk of St. Kilda as Normand XXII.

The present population is about eighty—Gaelic-speaking crofters, who enjoy home rule and are practical communists. They are cut off from the rest of the world, however, for the greater part of the year. Crime is unknown, but famine often haunts the crofters, owing to there being no regular means of intercourse with the nearest mainland. They live mostly by rearing sheep and killing sea fowl for their feathers and oil.

The fact that a wireless station and post office were established on the island some time ago no doubt caused the sheiling by the U-boat.

Appropriate Peace Flag.

A peace flag, designed by a Boston firm, will be sent to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, with the suggestion that it be made the official peace emblem of the United States. An announcement describing the flag says: "Upon a field of white (hope, purity and truth) a blue disk with the white dove, bearing the olive branch of peace and plenty, in flight from the dark shadows of war toward the light of a universal and permanent peace, the whole surrounded by the laurel wreath of victory. The emblem is in sharp contrast to those of conflict which have flooded the world and brings an atmosphere of peace and quiet." A place is provided on the white field of the flag for a blue service star.

Old Timber for New Ships.

According to the rings on the stumps of big oaks cut at Winnegrance, Me., this season for shipbuilding, a number of the trees were from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five years old, and some had been growing for one hundred and fifty years. The Morse sawmill at Winnegrance has been operated for more than one hundred years. The original frame of the mill is still there, as sound as ever, some of the hewn sticks of timber being 80 feet in length.

Advancement in India.

The great success with which the introduction of electric power from the generating station on the Ghats is being developed in Bombay is revealed by the report of the Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply company. The energy now being supplied to motors in Bombay amounts to 48,000 horsepower. Thirty-six mills are receiving power, and only the difficulties arising from the war prevent development being more rapid.

Alive With Rabbits.

As an illustration of the rabbit pest in certain portions of New Zealand, and especially in the drier sections of the South Island, it is stated that on an estate recently taken over by the New Zealand government, comprising 12,446 acres of freehold and a pastoral run of 19,250, there were killed or captured about 120,000 rabbits in order to clear up the property so as to make it suitable for the returned soldiers.

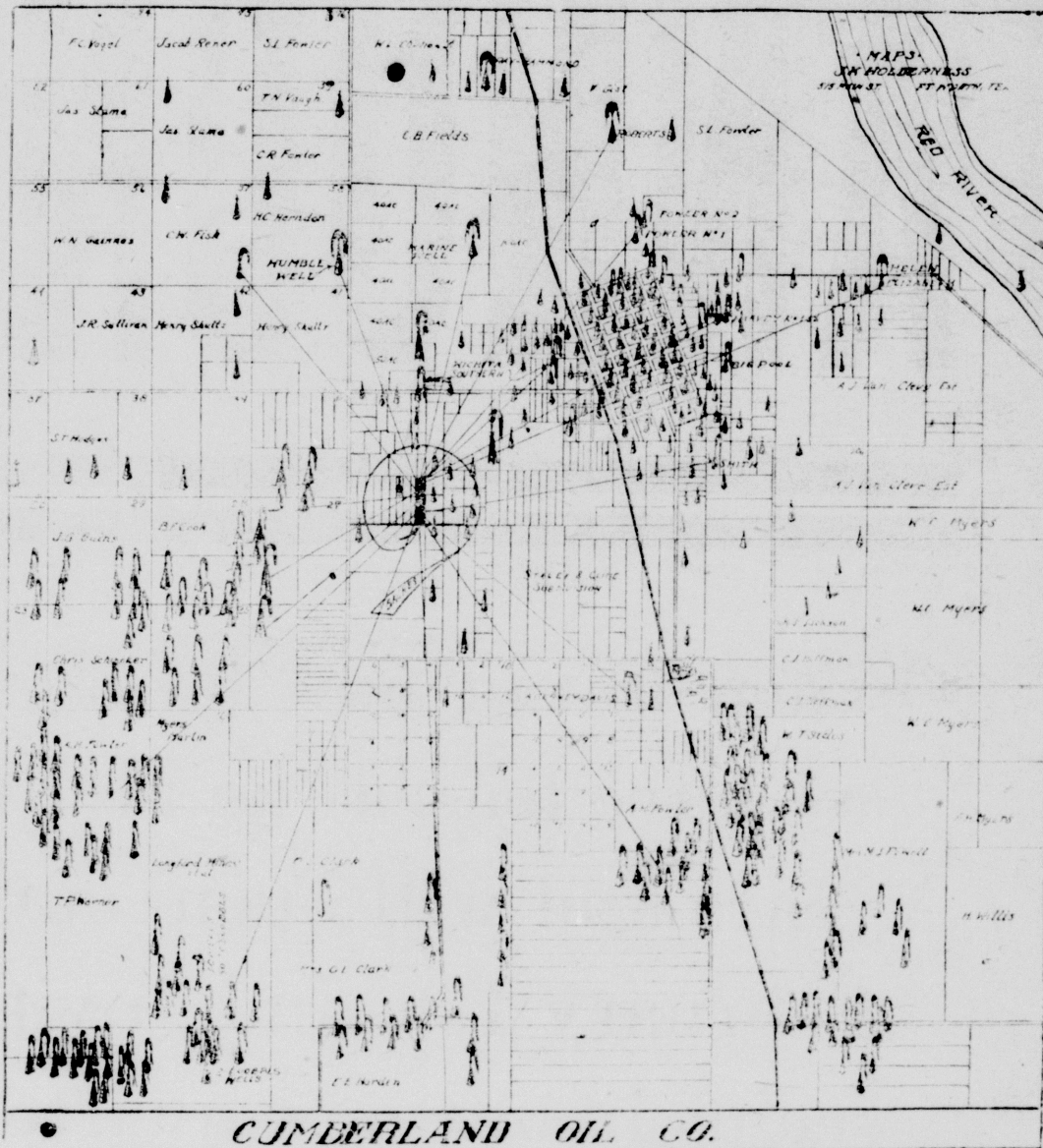
No Bayonets for Him.

"I've told you blokes all there is to bayonet fightin'; but if there's any question you'd like to ask—well, let's hear it."

"Sergeant major, how do you apply for a job in the pay corps?"—Sidney (N. S. W.) Bulletin.

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